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In re Application of:  
IKARASHI, KOUKI et al  
Serial No. 10/579,717  
Filed: June 11, 2008  
Docket: 290840US3PCT

Title: METAL EVAPORATION HEATING  
ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR  
EVAPORATING METAL

DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181

This is a decision on the petition filed January 9, 2012 under 37 CFR 1.181 requesting a complete Office action of the correct claims because the Office action mailed on November 9, 2011 failed to examine the amended claims 1-16 without multiple dependency as filed on May 17, 2006.

The petition is **granted**.

In the interest of expediency, the copy of the amendment filed on May 17, 2006 attached with the current petition is accepted, entered and treated as a Preliminary Amendment. The requested relief for a supplemental Office action to examine the correct claims is granted. The last Office action mailed November 9, 2011 is hereby withdrawn.

The examiner has been requested to issue a new supplemental Office action to treat the amended claims 1-16 as filed with the petition. A supplemental Office action in accordance with MPEP § 710.06 will be mailed in due course.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Henry C. Yuen, Special Programs Examiner, at (571) 272-4856.

PETITION GRANTED.

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